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Letter of Waiver Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 – 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Attention: Administrator

**Waiver Request** 

E-Rate: The Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund

Docket No. 02-6 Date of Submission:

Form 470 Application #: 893290000548083

Billed Entity Name: Maryland Department of Juvenile Services

Billed Entity Number: 16025462

Funding year: 2006 (July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007)

The purpose of this request is to seek a waiver of the RFP/Bidding process as required by form 470 as stated below.

8 Telecommunications Services  Do you have a Request for Proposal (RFP) that specifies the services you are seeking? If you check YES, your RFP must be available to all interested bidders for at least 28 days. If you check YES and your RFP is not available to all interested bidders, or if you check NO and you have or intend to have an RFP, you risk denial of your funding requests.
<b>YES</b> , I have released or intend to release an RFP for these services. It is available or
will become available on the Web at http://www.dl or via (check one):
the Contact Person in Item 6 or $\Box$ the contact listed in Item 12.

All telecommunication services procured by Maryland State Government entities must follow Maryland ethics and procurement laws as published in Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR), Title 21: Procurement Regulations. These regulations state that contracts in excess of \$25,000 shall be awarded by competitive sealed bidding. The State completed competitive sealed bid procurement and as a result, awarded a five year contract to Verizon Select Services, Inc. in June 2005.

The State is requesting that the FCC approve a waiver of the requirement that applicants for the E-rate grant initiate new RFP process for the services for which we are seeking reimbursement. With a contract in place, the State believes the lowest possible prices for the services requested have been procured.

Should you have any questions regarding this waiver, please contact:

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